

MINUTES

**MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order:

CHAIRMAN BOB LAKE, on January 26, 2009 at 9:00 A.M., in Room 152 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Bob Lake, Chairman (R)
Rep. Jill Cohenour, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Janna Taylor, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Dick Barrett (D)
Rep. Edward B. Butcher (R)
Rep. Wanda Grinde (D)
Rep. Robin Hamilton (D)
Rep. Brian Hoven (R)
Rep. Mike Jopek (D)
Rep. Dave McAlpin (D)
Rep. Mike Miller (R)
Rep. Art Noonan (D)
Rep. JP Pomnichowski (D)
Rep. Lee Randall (R)
Rep. J. David Roundstone (D)
Rep. Wayne Stahl (R)
Rep. Chas Vincent (R)
Rep. Brady Wiseman (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Mark Blasdel (R)
Rep. Jon Sonju (R)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Jeff Martin, Legislative Branch
Jennifer O'Loughlin, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 202, 1/22/2009; HB 299,
1/22/2009

Executive Action: None

HEARING ON HB 202

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:36 Rep. Mike Miller (R), HD 84, opened the hearing on
HB 202, Income tax credit for long-term care insurance.
[EXHIBIT\(tah18a01\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:08:25 Marilyn Lemm, volunteer advocate, AARP Montana
[EXHIBIT\(tah18a02\)](#)

00:09:27 Beth Reece, citizen

00:09:55 Bob Olson, Montana Hospital Association

Opponents' Testimony:

00:12:31 Chairman Lake read the letter from Office of Budget and
Planning opposing HB 202
[EXHIBIT\(tah18a03\)](#)

Informational Testimony:

00:13:14 Brian Olson, Program Specialist, Department of Revenue

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:14:01 Rep. Miller

00:14:33 Chairman Lake closed the hearing.

HEARING ON HB 299

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:14:50 Rep. Deborah Kottel (D), HD 20, opened the hearing on
HB 299, Tax credit for hearing aid purchase.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:18:07 Susan Geise

[EXHIBIT\(tah18a04\)](#)

00:21:33 Don Judge, citizen

00:25:02 Pat Fournier, Montana Hearing Society

00:26:57 Kenneth Morrow, citizen

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:28:09 Rep. Butcher

00:28:46 Rep. Kottel

00:29:06 Susan Geise

00:29:29 Rep. Butcher

00:29:48 Susan Geise

00:30:15 Chairman Lake

00:30:31 Rep. Butcher

00:30:42 Susan Geise

00:31:23 Rep. Taylor

00:31:51 Rep. Barrett

00:32:32 Rep. Kottel

00:34:08 Rep. Barrett

00:34:24 Rep. Kottel

00:34:56 Rep. Wiseman

00:35:12 Rep. Kottel

00:36:38 Rep. Hoven

00:37:06 Pat Fournier

00:38:10 Chairman Lake

00:38:20 Rep. Hoven

00:38:30 Pat Fournier

00:39:12 Chairman Lake

00:39:31 Pat Fournier

00:39:35 Chairman Lake

00:40:03 Rep. Kottel

Closing by Sponsor:

00:40:33 Rep. Kottel

00:41:42 Chairman Lake closed the hearing.

00:42:20 Chairman Lake announced that the committee would be hearing HJ2 on Wednesday, with executive action on Thursday. Anyone who wanted to add an amendment was asked to contact Jeff Martin.

ADJOURNMENT

00:46:34 Adjournment: 9:47 A.M.

JENNIFER O'LOUGHLIN, Secretary

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Additional Exhibit:

EXHIBIT (tah18a05) General Fund Revenue Trends

Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([tah18aad.pdf](#))